GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INCLUSION OF KOSALI LANGUAGE IN 8TH SCHEDULE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to include Sambalpuri/Kosali language in the 8th Schedule of the Constitution;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the amendment Bill in this regard is likely to be brought before Parliament?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a)to(c): A Committee was set up under Shri Sitakant Mohapatra to evolve a set of objective criteria for inclusion of more languages in the Eighth Schedule. The Committee has submitted its report and made certain recommendations. A decision on the pending demands for inclusion of languages in the Eighth Schedule, including Sambalpuri/Kosali, will be taken in the light of the recommendations of the Committee. A decision on the subject involves careful consideration of the issues involved and no time frame can be indicated at this stage.